

Friday there was an important law case in the town of Indian Head, at which one of the members of this Committee was present, which took me away from home soon after six o'clock in the morning. I arrived home at eleven o'clock—

Q. That is interesting, but I do not think it is relevant?—A. I think it is. On the next day, which was Sunday, I wrote to Mr. Forke, and I pointed out to him in that letter—

Q. You did not catch my question. I asked you how it was that you came to write that letter to Mr. Forke?—A. Because this matter had now been given some publicity, and I suggested to Mr. Forke that it might be well to clean the situation up. That was the purport of my letter.

Q. The purport of your letter was, to endeavour to get Mr. Forke to clean the situation up?

*By Mr. Fansher (Last Mountain):*

Q. Wasn't there something in the papers from the Minister of Immigration in reply to the statement you made; I think there is some little discrepancy there?—A. Yes. I overlooked that. On Friday, the 25th, one of the reporters of the papers called me and told me that a statement had been issued by Mr. Egan in the *Regina Post* of that date, and he asked me if I wished to reply to it. I read the statement and replied to it, I think—I am now quoting from memory—somewhat in these words, that my information is that the Minister of Immigration has the information to which I referred. That, I think, was substantially the statement I made.

*By Hon. Mr. Ralston:*

Q. I am dealing with the letter you wrote and with your reason for writing it. My question was—I think Mr. Fansher's interjection took you away from it—

MR. FANSHER (Last Mountain): As I understand it, speaking from memory, it was in reply to the statement which was in the letter that Mr. Coldwell wrote the letter.

*By Hon. Mr. Ralston:*

Q. Let me read the first paragraph of the letter:—

You will probably note from press despatches that a great deal has been made of a statement I made at the Sons of England Hall in this city last Wednesday evening.

There is no suggestion there that you thought Mr. Forke or Mr. Egan had seen it; you were giving them news?—A. No, sir. Later on in the letter I said I was enclosing newspaper clippings. The newspaper clippings I sent were those from the *Regina Post* of the Friday afternoon.

Q. Yes; apparently you did not know that Mr. Forke knew anything about it?—A. No.

Q. And in this letter you suggest that, in the second paragraph:—

In the course of an address on Immigration I made the suggestion that at times during the past few years when the officials were placing bars against certain classes of immigrants, permits were given to those who found difficulty in getting in, for a fee, and that, to the credit of the present minister it should be stated, this had been stopped.

Do you think—you seem to be careful about words—do you think the word "suggestion" was a correct word to convey there; do you think that would convey what you had done?—A. I think so.

Q. You thought the newspaper article was correct?—A. I said it was substantially correct, in so far as the words attributed to me were concerned, but the heading was wrong. I never made any charges.